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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sprayer comprising:

(a) a housing comprising a handle portion for gripping in an operator's hand;

(b) a purifier cartridge for purifying water;

(c) a valve system within the handle portion of said housing, said valve system having a configuration that provides a combination of an off function and one or more spray functions, wherein said valve system comprises:

(i) a bottom valve component;

(ii) a top valve component disposed above said bottom valve component, said top valve component having an underside and comprising a plate and at least two inflow conduits attached to said plate; and

(iii) ~~[[in]]~~ an inner valve component positioned between said bottom valve component and said top valve component, said inner valve component having a top surface and having an opening therein, wherein said inner valve component is rotatable relative to said bottom valve component and said top valve component, wherein at least one of the underside of said top valve component and said top surface of said inner valve component have a seal thereon;

wherein at least one of said inflow conduits of said top valve component, when selectively aligned to be in fluid communication with said opening of said inner valve component, directs water passing through said valve system into said purifier cartridge, and wherein at least one other of said inflow conduits of said top valve component, when selectively aligned to be in fluid communication with said opening of said inner valve component, directs water passing through said valve system to by-pass said purifier cartridge; and

(d) a selector switch operatively connected to said valve system, said selector switch having positions to both turn said sprayer off, and to set said valve system to said one or more spray functions ~~and a purifier cartridge in fluid communication with the valve system.~~

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2. (Currently Amended) A sprayer comprising:
- (a) a housing comprising a handle portion for gripping in an operator's hand between the operator's palm and fingers;
 - (b) a purifier cartridge for purifying water;
 - (c) a valve system within said housing, said valve system having a configuration that provides ~~more than one~~ two or more ~~sprayer function~~ spray functions, wherein at least one of said two or more spray functions is a purified rinse function resulting from water being passed through said valve system and directed into said purifier cartridge, and wherein at least one other of said two or more spray functions is a tap water function resulting from water being passed through said valve system and by-passing said purifier cartridge; and
 - (d) a selector switch operatively connected to said valve system, said selector switch having positions ~~for~~ corresponding to each of ~~said more than one sprayer settings~~ two or more spray functions, wherein said selector switch is located above at least a portion of said handle portion a distance from the portion of said handle portion that fits in the operator's fingers, wherein said distance is within a range sufficient to permit the operator to move said selector switch with the operator's thumb of the same hand that is holding said sprayer by said handle portion ~~and a purifier cartridge in fluid communication with the valve system.~~